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For ROD LENS ARRAY AND A PROCESS FOR PRODUCING THE SAME

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## PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Dear Sir:

Prior to calculation of the filing fee, Applicant wishes to amend the application as follows:

In the Claims:

Please amend claims 3, 14, 19, 21-24, 29, 30, and 34 as follows (a marked up version of claims 3, 14, 19, 21-24, 29, 30, and 34 being appended hereto):

*Q 1*  
3. A rod lens array obtainable by the process according to claim 1, which has the gradient index rod lens aligned at an average spacing of  $1\mu\text{m}$  -  $5\mu\text{m}$ .

*Q 2*  
14. The process according to claim 12, wherein the multiple ridges are formed by a screen printing.

*Q 3*  
19. The process according to claim 12, wherein the multiple ridges are formed by photolithography comprising the steps of applying a resist to the entire surface of the frame, exposing it to light through a mask and etching away the areas that have become soluble.